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Bristol, February 13: 1846

My dear Sir

Miss Carpenter allows me to put a note into her letter, & I embrace the opportunity of saying that I purpose sending you by the packet of the 10th an early number of a new London Journal called the "Daily News" of which Mr. Dickens is one of the Editors <sup>but said to be</sup> not connected with the political articles.

The copy I send you contains the first of a series of Essays upon the Am<sup>n</sup>. A. S. movement, probably by Dickens. The specimen I think argues well, philosophical in its argument, perhaps not quite simple enough in style.

A popular London paper giving a faithful history of your great enterprise will do much good, if the good opinion & sympathy of this country is likely to be of any real service to your cause.

The "Daily News" is begun with much spirit: the capital required to set going a daily London Paper is enormous, — probably from 50 to 100 000 pounds, and until it has established itself, the loss immense; 2, or 300 Pounds weekly are probably the regular loss of the Daily News. I trust it will succeed from the excellent tone it takes on political & moral subjects.



I will also forward by this Packet the two  
first numbers for this year of the A. S. Reporter  
which I believe is enlarged; as Joseph Sturge<sup>as</sup> I be-  
lieve you know, is one of the most prominent A. S.  
men with us: he, I believe, is not friendly to your  
party, but lends the Liberty section. I am more  
& more satisfied, that in exciting an interest here  
in favour of Am<sup>n</sup>. Abolitionism, it is unnecessary  
& undesirable to enter into the divisions that  
have taken place on your side the Atlantic. and  
I greatly hope that the B. & Foreign A. S. Society  
will ~~now~~ bend its attention almost exclusively  
to Am<sup>n</sup> Slavery, for there is little else for it now  
to do. I have written to John Scoble the  
Sec<sup>y</sup> about taking up Douglass & giving him all  
the importance the A. S. Soc<sup>y</sup> can impart.

I am expecting Fred. Douglass to visit me  
next month, & hope to help in extending this  
in means in this neighbourhood a correct  
knowledge of southern slavery. The great  
number of his books circulated here will  
help on the matter: 150 copies have passed thro'  
my hands.

On looking at a portrait of Dr. H. Wane's  
Life, by his brother, I have been surprised & dis-  
appointed at finding no record of his Anti-Slavery  
opinions later than 1835. Is this faithful  
to truth, & just to his memory? If it be, some  
extraordinary mistake prevails. I have be-  
fore me a letter addressed to me by Mr. Martin  
near, in which, speaking of Dr. Wane who was



just dead she says in the letter dated Dec. 8. 1843  
that Dr. H. Ware "began badly & blindly" in the A. S.  
cause, but at length his views gradually enlarging,  
"the moment came for a truly glorious effort. On  
reading Dr. Follen's life his soul was fired, -  
"he sent in his resignation to Harvard, & shed  
"happy tears at his release, tho' he had to go  
"forth with his family to seek for bread, & without  
"health to rely upon. Every exertion was used  
"by the College magnates to retain him, but  
"he said he had found freedom & would keep it,  
" & wrote to bless Mr. Follen as the means. -  
"His very last work was writing two A. S. Songs  
"for music. Scarcely another man in his  
"position, & with his frame would have done  
"so much. I hope his biography will tell all  
"this, & much more."

I should much like to know if these  
statements are correct, or if they partake of that  
misapprehension & exaggeration of which  
Miss M. is sometimes accused in her narrative  
of facts? If the latter be in any respect the case  
I may do not repeat what I have written for I should  
be most unwilling to injure Miss M. in any one's  
esteem; I shall be much pleased to hear the  
account is substantially true, tho' if so, it will  
not add laurels to Dr. H. Ware's biography.

You will I hope see in the "Inquirer" the  
angry & weak reply of a "Law of Justice & Charity"  
to your letter. If you chose to write a letter to the  
"Inquirer," saying you were the author of the remarks  
which were <sup>not</sup> intended for publication, <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~



were  
"applied to <sup>an</sup> ~~any~~ anonymous writer, it would  
rather add effect to what you had before said,  
& afford an opportunity of your saying any  
think more in propria persona. The  
complaint of "personality" towards an anonym-  
ous correspondent, is rather a curious one.

I find the task I have given to myself, of  
stating in 2 or 3 pages the Am<sup>n</sup>. Abol<sup>n</sup>. question, an  
impracticable one. I shall endeavour to enlist  
the sympathy of people towards the cause generally,  
and, avoiding strong language, ~~and~~ (which is less in  
favour here than with you, & would prove offensive  
& injurious) to lead to the obvious inference that  
you <sup>are</sup> largely unjustifiably apathetic in the subject.  
We have already received some articles for the  
next Boston Fair, & many promises of help.

What is your opinion as to the utility of  
the efforts referred to in the A. S. Reporter for  
obtaining free grown cotton from India?

Do you know if Mrs W. Wane takes any  
interest in the Abolition movement?

Believe me, my dear Sir,

Yours sincerely

J. B. Estlin.

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and by mail Steamship

Extract respecting  
Henry Ware Jr.

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